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AFFAIRS OF CITY DURING THE YEAR WELL CONTROLLED

Economy Was the Watchword of the Administration and Good Financial Standing Again Assured.

CO-OPERATION WAS PROMINENT FACTOR

Every Department Helped to Improve City's Condition—Prospects for the Coming Year.

As the year closes the city officials are preparing their reports in the various departments of municipal affairs and are planning for the work of 1911. While the work of improvement on streets and public buildings has been slightly neglected because of the lack of necessary funds the legislative department has been active and several ordinances of importance passed.

One of the features of the proceedings of the year, is the harmony in which the council, board of works, and citizens at large co-operated. This is referred to in statements made by several city officials regarding the year's work.

Much interest is being attached to the work of the Republican administration during the first year of its term. The reports of city officials are expected to contain important statistics which, according to members of the administration will show that the Republicans have so far conducted the city's affairs better than the Schlinger administration.

Economy a Watchword.
Economy has been the watchword of Mayor Zimmerman and his cabinet during the entire year, and will probably so continue during the next year of the administration. Important improvements are contemplated but it is stated there are many which must wait until 1912, when it is believed by the financial department, that the city will have again regained a solid financial basis, overcoming the depression caused by the last administration lowering the tax rate.

The tax rate for 1911 has been fixed by council at \$1.10 a rate somewhat lower than was desired by the mayor. The budget ordinance, passed at the same time appropriated \$174,785 for the general purposes of the city, and \$59,922.20 for expenses of the municipal light plant, a total of \$234,777.20. The light plant appropriation will come from receipts of the plant.

City officials consider that the second hand ordinance, the smoke ordinance and the bill creating a sinking fund to pay for the light plant, are the most important passed during the present year. Other important ordinances passed are the fire works ordinance, "right and left" traffic ordinance, shed ordinance, the meter and inspector ordinance requiring inspectors and meter readers to wear badges and the bill fixing the county treasurer's bond at \$10,000 for acting in the capacity of city treasurer.

Statement by Hammond.
President Hammond's statement was as follows:
As far as the board of works is concerned the work of the year progressed very satisfactorily. Of course we were handicapped by the lack of funds but the amount of work done was considerably better than was at first expected by the council and the board.

"In 1911 a great amount of work will be done, much of which, including principally the street improvements, is under progress at the present time, the engineer having been ordered to draw up the plans and specifications. Several resolutions for street improvement have been passed by the board.

"One of the pleasing features of the work of the year in city circles is the co-operation and harmony in which the council, board of works and citizens generally worked. We have been treated nicely by the citizens of Richmond and many times when complaints are brought in by the people

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WOODROW WILSON "AFTER HIS SCALP"



James Smith, Jr., of New Jersey, whose candidacy for re-election to the Senate, is believed to have been killed by the recent declaration of Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson. Dr. Wilson recently declared that he proposes to be leader of the Democratic party in the State of New Jersey while he is Governor, with which understanding he became candidate, and he further declares that he is for James E. Martine for election to the United States Senate.

Smith ever since the election returns, showed a safe Democratic majority in the Legislature upon joint ballot, has been attempting to line up the Assemblymen and Senators-elect for himself despite the fact that he refused to take his chances at the primaries as a candidate. Governor-elect Wilson has declared uncompromisingly for Martine, who received the highest number of votes at the Democratic primaries. The primary vote for Senator James E. Martine, 48,453; Frank McDermit, 15,575; James Smith, Jr., none.

Smith was elected to the United States Senate in 1899, defeating Governor Leon Abbott, whose lieutenant, until after a Democratic Legislature had been elected, he had been.

PREACHERS IN A NET

Two Confessed to Selling Their Votes.

(American News Service)

West Union, O., Dec. 30.—Two preachers and many women have been drawn into the Adams county ballot scandal, the ministers confessing that they had sold their votes for \$5 each and two women asserting that they had put a price on the votes of their husbands, sons and sweethearts. "It was the usual thing," was their excuse for not preaching against the evil.

Following these disclosures men appeared in court in droves and confessed selling their votes today. All were fined the amount they said they received, disfranchised for five years and sentenced to six months in the workhouse. The latter part of the sentence was suspended. The names of the two pastors were kept secret by the grand jury.

The total of indictments now reaches 1071 and not a single citizen will be left with the right of franchise in one school district of Jefferson township which includes the town of Walmesleyville.

FLAT BURNED DOWN

One Woman Killed, Three Badly Burned.

(American News Service)

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—One unidentified woman was burned to death and thirteen persons were injured, three probably fatally, in a fire which destroyed the Concord apartment house this morning.

The seriously injured are Mrs. Rose Moore, Anna Boyer and Mrs. Anna Lichtenstein. The ruins are being searched for other bodies.

An explosion preceded the fire. Ten families were driven into the streets in their night gowns. Three babies were dropped from third story windows into the fireman's arms.

CONTESTANT LIST IN SPELLING B

All township spelling contests who will participate for county honor in the match to be held in this city in January are now known to county superintendent C. O. Williams. In addition to the list announced on Tuesday, those received since are as follows: Boston township, Russell Stanley, Homer Williams, Walter Kenner and Sue Kitchell; Franklin township, Ernest Newman, Hazel Jennings, Genevieve Anderson and Emma Worley; New Garden township, Clement Overman, Georgia Hatfield, Edna Hunt and Mabel Buckner; Jackson township, Grafton Lennard, Ivan Hansen, Herbert Doerflinger and Galen Howard.

SCIENCE CHURCH TRUSTEES REPLY TO MRS. STETSON

Say Her Statements that There Is Discord in the Church Are False and that Harmony Exists.

A RESURRECTION OF MRS. EDDY SCORNE

Trustees Say That Such a Statement Is Preposterous and Contrary to the Precepts of the Faith.

(American News Service)

Boston, Dec. 30.—Directors of the Christian Science mother church today branded as absolutely false the statements by Mrs. Augusta Stetson that dissatisfaction exists and a disruption of Christian Science churches throughout the country is threatened. They call attention to the fact that Mrs. Stetson was excommunicated, and the church is not responsible for her statements. The resurrection of Mrs. Eddy is characterized as preposterous and contrary to the precepts of the faith.

(American News Service)

New York, Dec. 30.—The campaign for supremacy in the Christian Science church is on. It is between Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, the excommunicated leader of this city and the directors of the mother church in Boston. The opponents of Mrs. Stetson admitted today that the church is now confronted by a grave crisis.

Mrs. Stetson's declaration that she expects the resurrection of Mrs. Eddy in the flesh is expected to win over to her many of those who have been wavering since the death of the sect's founder.

Mrs. Stetson has the complete support of her whole following in New York City and they are unanimous in their claim that she is the logical successor of Mrs. Eddy.

They have accepted the declaration of Mrs. Stetson that Mrs. Eddy will, like Jesus Christ, arise from her grave and assume the corporeal habiliments of every day life and again become the guiding control of the church. The material heads of the mother church in Boston—the board of directors and controllers of the affairs of the first church, deny Mrs. Stetson's interpretation of the principles of the new faith.

May Mean New Church.
What will be the outcome of the controversy which is now fairly under way cannot be seen but one result may be the founding of a new Christian Science church by Mrs. Stetson and her believers, moulded after many of the teachings of Mrs. Eddy supplemented by further teachings of Mrs. Stetson.

Here are the main points in Mrs. Stetson's official pronouncement, which is the first big gun fired by her in her campaign.

"The millennium is at hand. This is the end of the gospel age. Mrs. Eddy, who was the female Christ, will return to earth. I am watching and waiting for the manifestation of Mrs. Eddy in the semblance of a human form. It may come today. It may come next week. It may not come for ten years, but it will surely come and its coming will be hastened if an attempt is made to alter the rule of Christian Science as it appears in the manual of the church."

This open declaration of belief in the immortality of Mrs. Eddy has caused the greatest religious sensation of a decade. Her opponents are already rallying to dispute and claim to leadership repudiating the doctrine of resurrection as she has set it forth. To do this they present the writings of Mrs. Eddy herself. In an interview given out by Alfred Farlow, head of the publication committee of the Christian Science church, he says: "In her own writings Mrs. Eddy expressed herself as inexplicably shocked at the suggestion of any comparison between herself and Jesus Christ. Many years ago she caused to be published this statement: 'A dispatch is given to me calling for an interview to answer for myself, am I a second Christ? Even the question shocks me. What I am is for God to declare in His infinite mercy. As it is I claim nothing more than what I am, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science and the blessing it has been to mankind which eternally unfolds.'"

BUCKETSHOP RAID SET FOR TUESDAY

(American News Service)
Washington, Dec. 30.—Another bucketshop raid involving a big syndicate in the middle west and designed to smash another get-rich-quick millionaire is booked for next Tuesday by special assistant Attorney General Belaski of the Department of Justice. Mr. Belaski will leave Washington today and join other investigators of the Department of Justice at either Chicago or Pittsburg.

This raid is expected to be more sensational than any of the others pulled off this year.

Three Popular Youngsters in Washington City



Three children who are popular in social and official life at Washington. From left to right is Baroness Mla Hengelmuler, daughter of the Austrian Ambassador, now thirteen; Marche d'Azv, daughter of the naval attaché of the French Legation, and Armine Livonius, the vivacious son of the counsellor and special attaché of the German Embassy.

GRATITUDE SHOWN IN PECULIAR WAY

So Called "Good Boy" Entertained by McMahan's, Proved to Be Crook.

An active member of a Chicago mission and the kind of a young man who impressed everyone with whom he came in contact as being manly and upright, and in whom all of his associates felt a deep interest because he was striving to make his way in the world, despite the fact that he was an orphan, Allen Hawley, accompanied Clarence McMahan, son of city controller E. G. McMahan and wife, home from Chicago to spend Christmas.

But it developed this "manly" chap was merely a crook, paying for the kindness bestowed on him by the McMahan family by stealing money. Giving the excuse that he was sick Monday morning, Hawley went to the room of his friend and took one hundred and sixty dollars from young McMahan's inside vest pocket, also a fountain pen and other valuables. Upon coming down stairs he told Mrs. McMahan he was dizzy but refused home remedies, saying he would go to town and get a prescription filled for his ailment.

This was the last seen of the young man, but it is thought he returned to Chicago. He was so poor that his friend paid his fare here. If his whereabouts are ascertained he will be prosecuted.

THIEVES LOOT BANK

Take All Money that Safe Contained.

Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—The bank of New Palestine, Indiana, fifteen miles southeast of here, was robbed of \$6,400, all of its deposits, sometime between the closing hour on Thursday and seven o'clock this morning. There is nothing to indicate how the entrance to the bank and vault were accomplished. Cashier Fraleigh and daughter, the only persons knowing the combination, are positive the safe was properly locked. Detectives are working on the case.

BUSINESS SECTION VISITED BY BLAZE

(American News Service)
Altoona, Pa., Dec. 30.—A large section of the business section of Phillipsburg, Pa., was wiped out by fire today with a loss of more than \$200,000. The fire rapidly got beyond control of the Phillipsburg department and assistance was asked from nearby towns. Among the concerns in the fire zone were the Bell Telephone Co. exchange, the Phillipsburg Opera house, and a number of stores.

WEATHER SPOILED ORPHANS' "TREAT"

Inmates of the Wernle Orphans' home, east of the city, who were to have been the guests of the Genett theater at the Thursday afternoon production of the stock company, had to postpone their visit until next week owing to the inclemency of the weather. The superintendent of the institution will permit them to attend one day next week if the weather is suitable.

ONTARIO HAVING OPTION CONTESTS

Skirmishing in Great Temperance Campaign Now Coming to a Close.

(American News Service)

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30.—Throughout the whole extent of Ontario, from Glengarry county in the East to Essex county in the west, the final skirmishing is now on in what is regarded as the most important local option campaign ever waged in the province. On Monday next more than four-score municipalities including many of the leading cities, will vote upon the question of local prohibition.

The temperance forces are thoroughly organized and have conducted an aggressive campaign. The anti-prohibition element professes to feel no fear over the outcome of the contest, but unprejudiced opinion inclines to the belief that the elections will result in a considerable addition to the dry area of the province.

There are 816 municipalities in Ontario at the present time with a total of 1,950 licenses. Four hundred and ten of these municipalities are now dry and 406 went wet, or in other words the strength of the opposing elements is almost equally divided.

A striking feature of the campaign is the comparatively few attempts being made to repeal local option. Last year there were 111 municipalities in which repeal contests were possible, but in only 12 was the matter brought to a vote, and only by-laws were repealed. This year there are 128 municipalities in which local option by-laws have been in force for 3 years or more, and where repeal contests might be made in accordance with the law. But of the entire 128 places only half a dozen have taken advantage of the privilege and will vote on the question of repeal. This fact is cited by the advocates of prohibition as affording conclusive evidence of the success of the anti-saloon laws and as an indication of a still further weakening of the liquor traffic as a result of next week's elections.

PLAN A WORLD TOUR

Sousa Organization Makes a Start Saturday.

(American News Service)

New York, Dec. 30.—When Sousa's band sails from this city tomorrow for England it will mark the beginning of the first great world tour ever undertaken by a musical organization of similar character. The tour will last about ten months and will embrace nearly all the principal countries of the world.

After giving 100 concerts in Great Britain and Ireland the band will be heard in some of the leading cities of Germany and France. From Europe the tour will extend to South Africa, where it is planned to spend three months. Australia will be visited next and probably India, China and Japan will be included in the itinerary, though this has not been definitely decided. Enroute across the Pacific a stop will be made at Honolulu, where four concerts will be given.

The band will arrive at Vancouver near the latter part of next October. From Vancouver the organization will tour the Pacific coast and then proceed east by way of Canada.

A YANKEE SOLDIER LEADER OF REBELS

Lee Christmas Lands Filibusters in Honduras and Wins First Battle.

(American News Service)

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—The Honduras regular troops have been defeated in a sharp battle with the revolutionary army headed by Lee Christmas, the American soldier of fortune, and General Bonilla, ex-president of Honduras, and the rebels are now moving rapidly toward Tegucigalpa, the capital city, according to a private cablegram received here today from Puerto Cortez.

No official advices have yet been received confirming the report of the battle or giving details.

There are more than 3,000 men in the ranks of the rebel army and it is believed that the capital will fall before a week elapses. President Davila has taken precautions to guard the capital against assault by throwing up breastworks and planting cannon but these guns are old and of the smooth bore type while the revolutionists are equipped with machine guns and plenty of ammunition.

The Guatemalan government fears it will be drawn into a conflict in Honduras and it is now massing troops at Las Quebradas on the frontier.

The Hornet landed troops at Cape Gracias as a reserve force in the assault on the capital.

The Tatumbia was anchored off the harbor front today with her guns pointing at sea. This gave the people such a feeling of security that many refugees who feared that the Hornet would attack Puerto Cortez from the harbor, returned to their homes.

Claude I. Dawson, United States consul at Puerto Cortez, was in constant communication with Commander A. H. Davis of the United States cruiser Tacoma. A force of marines will be landed if Americans are molested.

Mr. Dawson is keeping Commander Dawson fully informed of the treatment of Americans by Honduras but in other parts of the country.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

For Iroquois Fire Victims Is Dedicated.

(American News Service)

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—The Iroquois Memorial Emergency Hospital, erected as a permanent memorial to the 600 victims of the Iroquois Theater fire, was formally turned over to the city today on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of the terrible holocaust. The hospital was built with funds raised by the Iroquois Memorial Association. The equipment and furnishings was paid for by the city. The building is a four-story structure located in the heart of the business section. It will be operated as an emergency hospital, receiving emergency cases and victims of accidents in the downtown district.

THE WEATHER

STATE AND LOCAL—Fair and continued cold tonight. Saturday unsettled. Warmer.

ELEVEN DIVORCE SUITS TO EVERY FIFTY WEDDINGS

During the Year Closing Today the Wayne Circuit Court Maintains Ratio of Past Few Years.

328 CIVIL ACTIONS FILED DURING YEAR

Proportion of Divorce Suits to Other Civil Suits Seven to Every Twenty-five—A Suit Record.

During the present year there were three hundred and twenty-eight suits filed in the Wayne circuit court and four hundred and twenty-two marriage licenses issued by county clerk Harry E. Penny. The annual report which was completed Friday also shows there were eighty-five divorce suits instituted, five petitions to dissolve marriage by reason of alleged fraudulent purpose and two petitions to annul marriage for other reasons. There were eleven suits for divorce to every fifty marriage licenses, while the proportion of divorce applications to the total number of civil suits during the year was seven to every twenty-five.

Ratio Is Maintained.

Annual court reports for several years have maintained a ratio of approximately eleven divorce actions to fifty marriage licenses, and if this ratio is continued in the future, there is a bright prospect for about ninety of the four hundred and twenty marriages performed during the year resulting in failures, to be aired in the divorce courts.

There is less excitement in getting married than in getting a divorce, judging from the complaints filed during the year. Every conceivable allegation from hurling plates at mother-in-laws to abandonment and failure to provide were charged. Although the total number of divorces granted by the court is not known, it approaches somewhere very near the total number filed. It is not only unusual, but very rare for a divorce complaint to be denied. The divorce laws—being too weak in the estimation of legal authorities—are responsible for so large percentage of divorces granted.

Civil Suit List.

The annual report in respect to the classification of civil suits filed during the year shows the following: For damages, twenty-six; to replevin articles, four; divorces, eighty-five; to annul marriages, two; fraudulent marriages, five; non-support on the part of husbands, four; adoption of children, twelve; to quiet title, twelve; partition of real estate, nineteen; habeas corpus proceedings, four; to foreclose mortgages, twenty-four; damages for detention and possession of real estate, eight; inquest, twelve; for receiver, six; on claims, twenty-five; to place feeble minded in the institution at Ft. Wayne, three; vacation of real estate, two; to convey property, one; on judgment, five; to sell real estate without wife's consent, one; garnishment, one; appointment of appraisers, one; restoration to sanity, one; quo warranto proceedings, one; bastardy, two; injunction, ten; change of name following granting of a divorce, two; on warranty, two; petition for order to sell property, one; cancellation and reconveyance of deed, one; on appeal of change of venue, eight; on acceptance, one.

TAFT STILL HOPING

But Fears for the Ship Subsidy Bill.

(American News Service)

Washington, Dec. 30.—While President Taft has not yet thrown overboard his hopes for the passage of a ship subsidy, anti-injunction and conservation bills, it can be stated that most of the strength of the administration will be toward bringing about the enactment of a law establishing a permanent tariff commission and obtaining an appropriation for the fortification of the Panama canal. This policy is the result of a conference held at the White House. Most of the leaders have expressed an opinion that the conservation bill has little chance of being enacted and that ship subsidy will be talked to death.

MUNICIPAL FERRY EMPLOYEES STRIKE

(American News Service)

New York, Dec. 30.—Because of a reduction in their wages, all the municipal ferry employees went on strike today, tying up their ferry to St. George, Staten Island and also the ferry to Thirty-ninth street, Brooklyn. Dock hands pilots and other members of the crowds walked ashore at the height of the rush hour. This prevented other arriving ferry boats from entering the Whitehall street slips, and finally the old battery pier had to be used to land passengers. Thousands were delayed and great confusion resulted.